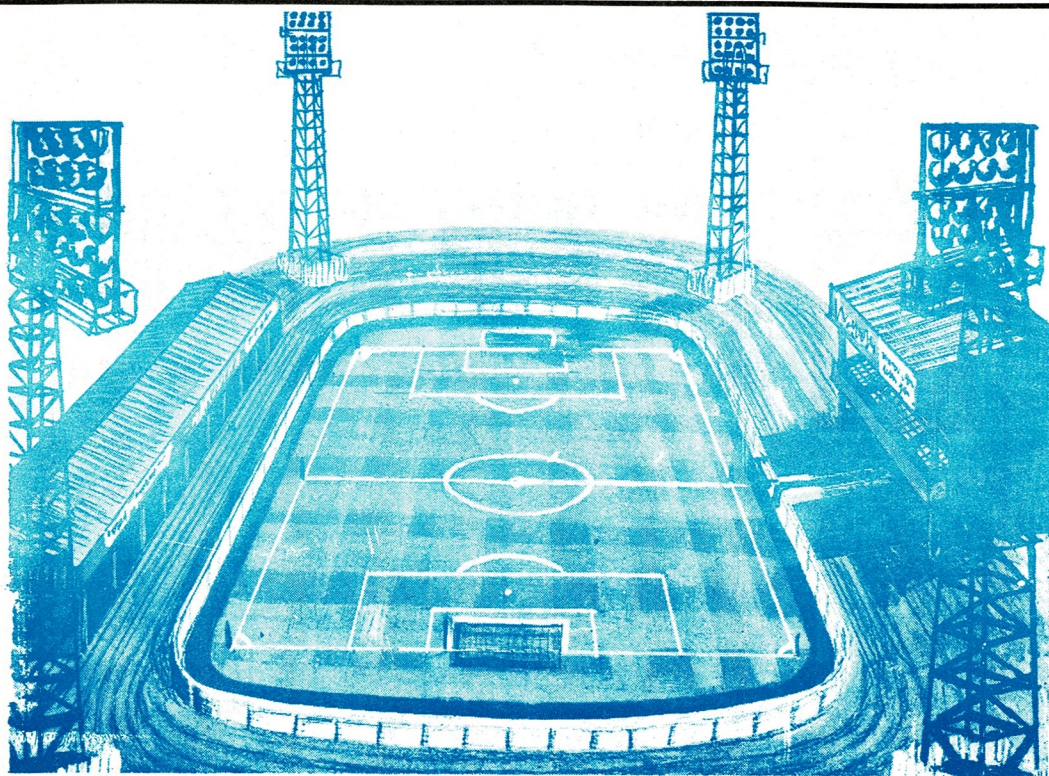


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Boscombe first entered the F.A. Cup competitions in 1913 and began to engage professionals in 1914—when it entered the South-Eastern League—a combination which died with the first world war.

During the first war, football practically ceased in the area, but the club was revived in 1919 and gained admission to the Southern League in 1920. Here it stayed for three years, and in 1923, at its very first application, it was elected to Division 3 (South) of the Football League with 28 votes, to fill the place of the promoted Bristol City, as the two Div. 2

clubs relegated that year were the Northern clubs Rotherham and Wolves who went into Division 3 (North).

By this time the title of the club had been changed to Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, but in most newspaper reports and league tables they were referred to as Bournemouth. At the present time they hold the unusual title of AFC Bournemouth.

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Enjoy today's match.

I. M. McNeill.

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	Home							Away							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Grimsby	34	12	4	2	42	17	8	2	6	23	17	46			
Reading	35	13	2	1	36	8	5	8	6	22	27	46			
Aldershot	34	12	5	2	33	14	4	8	3	18	17	45			
WIGAN ATHLETIC	34	12	2	4	30	17	6	4	6	17	17	42			
Wimbledon	30	11	2	2	28	16	6	5	4	24	18	41			
Barnsley	30	10	3	2	35	16	5	7	3	17	12	40			
Newport	35	8	4	5	27	24	8	4	6	24	21	40			
Portsmouth	32	11	4	2	28	9	5	3	7	21	24	39			
Bournemouth	35	8	5	5	28	15	3	5	9	9	14	32			
Stockport	33	10	3	6	28	18	2	5	7	21	28	32			
Hereford	33	8	7	2	26	16	3	3	10	14	23	32			
Port Vale	32	6	7	4	22	20	5	2	8	21	26	31			
Torquay	33	9	3	5	27	21	4	2	10	15	28	31			
Doncaster	34	7	6	6	21	19	4	3	8	18	31	31			
York	30	5	4	5	16	16	6	3	7	15	23	29			
Hartlepool	31	5	8	3	26	22	3	5	7	11	24	29			
Bradford	31	6	3	5	22	19	6	2	9	20	33	29			
Huddersfield	31	8	6	2	22	12	2	2	11	13	24	28			
Scunthorpe	31	7	1	6	20	23	3	7	7	14	21	28			
Northampton	32	7	4	5	28	23	2	3	11	17	33	25			
Darlington	30	4	5	5	15	14	3	4	9	19	33	23			
Crewe	33	3	5	7	16	24	2	7	9	17	37	22			
Rochdale	30	3	4	7	11	22	2	5	9	15	28	19			
Halifax	31	2	4	6	7	14	2	2	15	14	35	14			

EDITORIAL

The race for promotion is now beginning to take shape, eight clubs are now ahead of the field at the final run-in, and it appears likely that any four of these eight could see themselves competing in Division 3 next season.

The Easter programme when completed will probably throw some light on the situation.

Good Friday :

Wigan are at home to Port Vale,
Barnsley are at home to Hartlepool,
Reading are at home to Portsmouth,
and Grimsby travel to York.

Saturday, 14th April :

Wigan at Crewe,
Reading at Bournemouth,
Grimsby at home to Scunthorpe,
Portsmouth entertain Wimbledon,
Barnsley travel to Port Vale,
Newport are at Torquay, and
Aldershot at home to Northampton.

Easter Monday is a very important day as four of the top eight are paired together :

Newport v. Portsmouth,
Reading v. Aldershot,
Wigan at home to Hartlepool,
Wimbledon at home to Torquay,
Barnsley at home to Hereford, and
Grimsby travel to Bradford City.

Who goes into Div. 3 next season will be the topic of numerous conversations amongst soccer supporters from now until 12th May, and who will be the successful clubs. It must be any four from eight—there can be no thought of any certainty at this stage. In fact the slaughter of each other could possibly bring in other clubs such as Bournemouth, Stockport and Hereford who, with a good finish, could certainly gain points.

This position is good for the game and gives spectators value for cash, it is also good financially for the clubs as such interest always tends to increase gates both at home and away.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 4

FRIDAY, 13th APRIL, 1979 — Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

WIGAN ATHLETIC v. PORT VALE

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SATURDAY, 7th APRIL, 1979 — Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Wigan Athletic Reserves v. Manchester United 'A'

PEN PICTURES OF AFC BOURNEMOUTH

KENNY ALLEN (Goalkeeper)

IAN CUNNINGHAM (Defender)

Scottish Youth International, Ian is a former captain of the AFC Youth team, signing professional forms in 1974. He made his first team debut in the 1974/75 season and had made nearly 100 senior appearances to the start of the current season, both in midfield and defence.

BILL BONES

KEITH MILLER (Defender/Midfield)

Club Captain. Keith is a former West Ham Junior who joined AFC in July 1970 for a £10,000 fee. He has since made over 350 appearances for the club in every position except goalkeeper. He has missed only 8 league games in the last three seasons.

ROGER BROWN (Defender)

Tamworth born, Roger was another AFC recruit from the Southern League when he was signed for £5,000 from AP Leamington in February 1978. He made his League debut in the club's 3-2 home win over Brentford, and by the end of the season had firmly established himself at the heart of the defence with 18 League appearances.

PHIL HOLDER

GARY BORTHWICK (Midfield)

Gary joined AFC in March 1978 from the Southern League side Barnet. Although he was with Portsmouth as an apprentice, and later with Southend United, it was with AFC that he made his League debut in the club's away match at Wimbledon.

TED McDOUGALL (Striker)

Late in 1972 the club's striker was sold to Manchester United for a six figure fee. He is now back at AFC leading the forwards. He holds the highest League score for the club in 1970/71 with 42 goals.

MICK BUTLER (Forward)

Another close season signing, Mick became AFC's costliest player for some years when he moved from Huddersfield Town in July for a £15,000 fee. He was Town's leading scorer last season with 17 goals, and has scored goals consistently throughout his career with Huddersfield and Barnsley.

DAVE LENNARD (Midfield)

Manchester born Dave began his career with Bolton Wanderers and later moved to Halifax, Blackpool, Cambridge, Chester and Stockport, before signing for AFC in August 1977. Dave, who spent the summer with Los Angeles Aztecs in the NASL, had made 453 League appearances to the start of 1978/79.

STEVE MASSEY (Forward)

Steve was another of the club's six close season signings when he arrived from his own town club Stockport for a £5,000 fee. A fast, skilful striker, he made just under 100 League appearances for County who turned down a large bid for him from 1st Division Norwich City in 1977.

PETER JOHNSON (Forward)

Peter arrived at Dean Court in June 1976 as part of the exchange deal which took England Youth International Mark Nightingale to Crystal Palace. He quickly settled into a regular first team spot at AFC and has made 79 League appearances for the club to the start of the current season.

JOHN BENSON (Defender) Player/Mgr.

A tough little Scot of unlimited energy, who usually operates as a sweeper, John spent his early days with Manchester City gaining First Division experience, before signing for Torquay United in 1964. He spent nearly seven years at Torquay where he was club captain, before signing for AFC Bournemouth for £12,000 in 1970. John followed Bournemouth manager John Bond to Norwich in 1973 where he became a regular member of the 'Canaries' 1st and 2nd Division teams, and returned to Dean Court as Player/Manager early in 1975.

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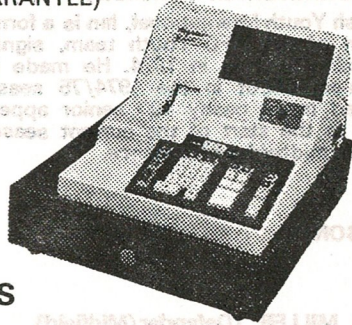
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OPINION

by Harold Ashurst



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With just 11 games to go before the end of the season the next two months should be an exciting, if somewhat unexpected finale to Wigan's first League term.

I say unexpected because no-one, especially after Latics took just three points from their first seven games, could have expected that they would be making a serious challenge for promotion to the Third Division.

But, barring any mishap in Wednesday's game against Hereford (the result of which is not known at the time of writing) the team will go into today's game against Bournemouth in fourth position.

The set back at Grimsby last week did not alter their League position with the teams directly below them

all dropping points — apart from Barnsley.

The visit to Grimsby now behind them means that Latics have only to visit one more of the top clubs, Aldershot, who lost at home to promotion dark horses Newport last Saturday.

The rest of the run-in, while not easy, is a better one than say, Grimsby, who have yet to play Barnsley twice and visit Newport.

The other promotion clubs have all to play each other at least once, and the throat-cutting that goes on in those matches can only help the Wigan cause, providing of course Wigan do their bit and carry on winning.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



As the present season reaches the final stages it must go down as the best ever in the history of Wigan Athletic. I, along with one of my directors, Jack Farrimond, have been connected with this club since the 1930's, and I have never known such a successful and exciting season. There have been occasions, when in non-league football, such as our game at Newcastle in 1954, the game at Manchester City, and our trip to Wembley in the early 1970's, followed by the great exhibition at Birmingham in 1978; but this season has surpassed anything that has ever happened. I am proud to be the chairman in a season that will go down as the most exciting in the history of the club so far.

After today's game with Bournemouth we have only three more at

home and at this stage I feel I must thank all concerned for such a wonderful season. The manager, Mr. Ian McNeill, who has done a great job on a 'shoestring', his team who have bridged the gap between non-league and league football so successfully, the remainder of the staff who have worked so hard, and the spectators for their splendid support. Last but not least, my Board of Directors, my vice-chairman Alan Muir has taken my place during enforced absence with the ability of a good chairman. Graham Gornor has worked enthusiastically with me on the administration and financial side; Albert Eckersley and the vice-chairman have been the ground committee and, in view of this winter's inclement weather have done a great job. Jack Sudworth has run the commercial side of the business in a most efficient manner, and Jack Farrimond has looked after the programme and the Supporters' Club. It would not have been possible to have had a better board of directors.

Finally, may I welcome to Springfield Park today, Bournemouth, on their first ever visit to Wigan. I hope our first meeting will result in everlasting friendship. This has certainly been the case with other clubs we have met.

Hoping for a good result today,

Best wishes to all,

ARTHUR HORROCKS.

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LINE-UP

Wigan Athletic

- 1 John Brown
- 2 Kevin Smart
- 3 Joe Hinnigan
- 4 Tommy Gore
- 5 Noel Ward
- 6 Dave Fretwell
- 7 Frank Corrigan
- 8 Jeff Wright
- 9 Derek Brownbill
- 10 Mickey Moore
- 11 Ian Purdie
- 12 Peter Houghton

Referee :

Mr. C. L. NEWSOME
(Broseley)

Linesmen :

Mr. K. Keily
(Bury)
Red Flag

Mr. P. Suter
(Liverpool)
Yellow Flag

FOR YOUR RECORD

Result :

Attendance :

Scorers :

AFC Bournemouth

- 1 Kenny Allen
- 2 Ian Cunningham
- 3 Bill Bones
- 4 Keith Miller
- 5 Roger Brown
- 6 Phil Holder
- 7 Gary Borthwick
- 8 Ted MacDougall
- 9 Mick Butler
- 10 Dave Lennard
- 11 Steve Massey
- 12 Peter Johnson

TODAY'S REFEREE

BERT NEWSOME. (Broseley, Shrops.). Started refereeing whilst in the Army then progressed through local Shropshire Leagues, Midland Intermediate and Central Leagues to the Football League. Refereed the 1975 England v. Wales Youth International, and lined the France v. Spain International, in Paris, in 1961. Officiated in Italy for the 1972 Anglo-Italian competition and also at the Bayern Munich v. Anderlecht European Super Cup in 1976, and also England v. Wales Youth International. He is a New Towns Information Officer and his interests are gardening, home decorating, cooking, antiques, and most sports, but especially squash.

FOCUS ON ALAN CROMPTON

<i>Full Name :</i>	Alan Crompton.
<i>Birthplace :</i>	Bolton.
<i>Birthdate :</i>	6th March, 1958.
<i>Height :</i>	5 ft. 7 inches.
<i>Weight :</i>	10 st. 8 lbs.
<i>Previous Clubs :</i>	Sunderland, Blackburn.
<i>Married :</i>	No. Engaged to Carol.
<i>Children :</i>	No.
<i>Car :</i>	Escort.
<i>Favourite player :</i>	Kevin Keegan.
<i>Favourite other team :</i>	Blackburn.
<i>Most difficult opponent :</i>	All difficult.
<i>Most memorable match :</i>	Blackburn v. Southampton.
<i>Biggest thrill :</i>	Debut for Blackburn.
<i>Biggest disappointment :</i>	Being released by Sunderland.
<i>Best country visited :</i>	Holland.
<i>Favourite food :</i>	Fish, Chips and Peas.
<i>Miscellaneous likes :</i>	Camping, golfing, walking my two dogs.
<i>Miscellaneous dislikes :</i>	Washing my car.
<i>Favourite TV shows :</i>	All Sports, "Rising Damp"
<i>Favourite singers :</i>	Diana Ross, Drifters.
<i>Favourite actors :</i>	Leonard Rossiter, Paul Newman.
<i>Best friend:</i>	Jim Hargreaves (Great Plasterer)
<i>Biggest influence on career :</i>	My father (Bob).
<i>Biggest drag in soccer :</i>	Long journeys, Losing.
<i>International honours :</i>	None.
<i>Personal ambition :</i>	To be happy.
<i>Professional ambition :</i>	To play for many years.
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18—Blackpool 'A'	H	2-1
25—Southport Res.	H	1-1
September—		
2—Everton 'A'	A	2-1
9—Chester 'A'	H	1-3
15—Tranmere R. Res.	A	0-0
16—		
23—Bradford City Res.	H	5-0
30—Liverpool 'A'	A	1-2
October—		
7—Rochdale Res.	H	2-2
14—Rochdale Res.	A	0-1
21—Carlisle Utd. Res.	H	2-0
27—Stockport County 'A' ..	A	8-0
November—		
11—Tranmere R. Res.	H	2-2
18—Crewe Alex 'A'	A	3-3
25—Manchester City 'A'	A	2-1
December—		
2—Blackpool 'A'	H	
9—Port Vale Res.	H	3-1
13—Macclesfield T. Res.	H	5-1
16—Chester 'A'	A	
26—		
30—Morecambe Res.	A	5-0

1979

January—		F-A
1—Oldham Ath. Res.	H	1-3
6—Morecambe Res.	H	3-1
13—Port Vale Res.	A	
20—Manchester City 'A'	H	
27—Macclesfield T. Res.	A	
February—		
3—Bradford City Res.	A	
10—Crewe Alex Res.	H	5-0
17—Manchester Utd. 'A'	A	2-2
24—Oldham Ath. Res.	A	1-4
March—		
3—Carlisle Res.	A	1-3
8—Stockport County 'A'	H	4-2
17—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	A	5-0
24—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	H	5-0
31—Wrexham Res.	A	
April—		
7—Manchester Utd. 'A'	H	
13—Southport Res.	A	(Fri.)
15—Wrexham Res.	H	
16—		
21—Liverpool 'A'	H	
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5—Everton 'A'	H	

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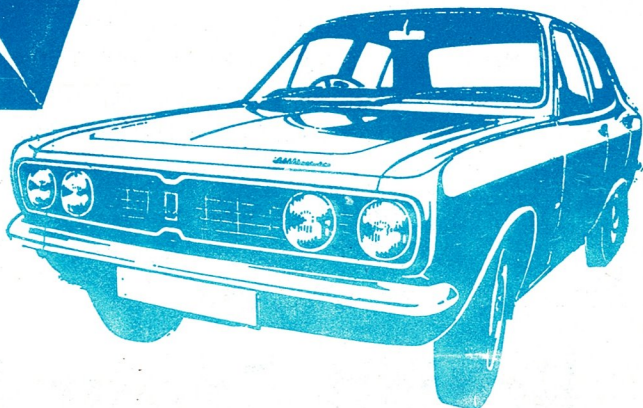
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